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LETTER DATED 26 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued during the period from 1 to 10 December 1995.

1 December 1995

1. Southern region: 167 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Lasaf and Salman.

2. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1340 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1515 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1632 hours.

2 December 1995

1. Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Hamza, Lasaf, Salman, Shatrah, Qurnah, Suq al-Shuyukh and Artawi.

2. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1124 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1248 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1420 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1605 hours.

3 December 1995

1. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Salman and Artawi.

2. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1312 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1515 hours.

4 December 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk and Ayn Sifni.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1237 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1310 hours.

5 December 1995

1. Northern region: 4 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Sha'biyah Busayyah, Sha'biyah, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, and Chabaish.

6 December 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

7 December 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1300 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1445 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1635 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1745 hours.

8 December 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Rumaythah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and Shinafiyah.

3. On the same day, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1510 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1630 hours.

9 December 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1040 hours on the same day, a United States helicopter violated Iraqi airspace in the north of the country, over Zakho.

10 December 1995

1. Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Shinafiyah, Artawi and Chabaish.

2. On the same day, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0940 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1142 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1250 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1400 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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